

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

00:00:01

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on March 9, 2005 at 3 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Glenn Roush, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)
Sen. Mike Wheat (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 13, 3/4/2005; HJ 18, 3/4/2005,
HJ 21, 3/4/2005; HB 612, 3/4/2005
Executive Action: HJ 13, HB 612, SB 336

HEARING ON HJ 13

00:03:47

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. MIKE WHEAT (D), SD 32, opened for REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13, opened the hearing on HJ 13, Urge repeal of federal lands enhancement act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:31 Hal Harper, on behalf of Governor Brian Schweitzer
00:06:50 Kerry White, Citizens for Balanced Use
00:07:19 Gary Hall, Montanans for Multiple Use
00:08:36 Dave Skinner, Montanans for Multiple Use
00:10:15 Bob Raney, Montana State Parks Foundation
00:14:02 George Ochenski, Montana Slope No-Fee Coalition

EXHIBIT(nas52a01)

00:21:29 Doug Abelin, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders
Association
00:22:03 Ellen Angstedt, Montana Wood Products Association
00:22:27 Jason Todd, Montana Logging Association
00:22:49 Paul Edwards, on behalf of self
00:25:28 REP. PAUL CLARK, HD 13, TROUT CREEK
00:27:07 Don Judge, Montana Chapter of The Sierra Club
00:27:40 Tim Baker, Executive Director, Montana Wilderness
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:28:13 Terry Chute, USDA Forest Service (USFS)

EXHIBIT(nas52a02)

00:31:09 Marilyn Krause, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

EXHIBIT(nas52a03)

00:32:39

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:10

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 13

00:39:46

Motion/Vote: SEN. TOOLE moved that HJ 13 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HJ 18

00:40:00

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HJ 18, Urge support for access to public land.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:02 Kerry White Citizens for Balanced Use

00:43:51 Ed Melcher, on behalf of self

EXHIBIT (nas52a04)

00:47:00 Brad Molnar

00:49:24 Gary Hall, on behalf of self

00:52:05 Sue McCombs, on behalf of self

00:57:20 SEN. AUBYN CURTISS

00:59:03 Doug Abelin, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association

00:59:32 Ellen Angstedt, Montana Wood Products Association

01:00:34 Dave Skinner, on behalf of self

01:02:31 Rhonda Carpenter-Wiggins, Montana Snowmobile Association

01:02:58 Jason Todd, Montana Logging Association

01:03:23 Doug Karg, on behalf of self

01:03:55 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:34 Tim Baker, Executive Director, Montana Wilderness Association

EXHIBIT (nas52a05)

Informational Testimony:

01:07:07 Terry Chute, USDA Forest Service (USFS)

EXHIBIT (nas52a06)

01:07:33

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:53

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. PERRY assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HJ 21

01:28:02

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JOHN SINRUD (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on **HJ 21**, Affirm state's jurisdiction over roads and right-of-ways on public lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:26	Kerry White, on behalf of self
01:34:01	Brad Molnar
01:36:41	Ellen Angstedt, Montana Wood Products Association
01:37:40	Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
01:40:39	Gary Hall, on behalf of self
01:42:18	Jason Todd, Montana Logging Association
01:42:29	Ed Melcher, on behalf of self

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01:46:12	Dave Skinner, on behalf of self
01:48:07	Rhonda Carpenter-Wiggins, Montana Snowmobile Association
01:49:57	Don Allen, (WETA)
01:50:43	Sue McCombs, on behalf of self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:55:52	Don Judge, Sierra Club
02:02:43	Tim Baker, MWA

EXHIBIT(nas52a08)

Informational Testimony:

02:10:51	Terry Chute, USDA Forest Service (USFS)
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EXHIBIT(nas52a09)

02:12:08

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:14:19

Closing by Sponsor:

02:14:30 Break.

02:26:38 Resume.

02:26:38 **SEN. GEPHARDT** assumed the chair.

HEARING ON HB 612

02:26:38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on **HB 612**, Revise application procedures for commercial timer removal.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:28:38 **Jason Todd**, Montana Logging Association

02:29:21 **Cathy Bremer**, Office of Public Instruction

02:30:15 **Ellen Angstedt**, Montana Wood Products Association
and on behalf of Don Allen, WETA

02:31:02 **Dave Skinner**, on behalf of self

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:31:59 **Tom Schultz**, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC).

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:35:19

Closing by Sponsor:

02:35:19 **SEN. ROUSH** resumed the chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 612

02:37:34

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that HB 612 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 336

02:39:12

Motion: SEN. TOOLE moved that SB 336 DO PASS.

02:40:11

Discussion:

02:40:20

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. TASH made a substitute motion that SB 336 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with, SEN. HARRINGTON (by Proxy), SEN. LIND, SEN. TOOLE, and SEN. WHEAT voting no.

02:42:23

Discussion by the committee of Unofficial Draft Copy for a Bill for an Act requiring the environmental quality council, (EQC), to conduct a study on split estates of mineral owners and surface wonders and coal bed methane reclamation and bonding; providing for a subcommittee of the EQC. (See attachd DRAFT)

EXHIBIT (nas52a10)

03:18:17

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:35 P.M.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GR/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas52aad0.PDF](#))